

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

:

DEC 0 2 2010
SECRETARY, BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WESTWATER FARMS, LLC FOR ADMINISRATIVE APPROVAL OF THE HARLEY DOME 1 SWD WELL LOCATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, S.L.M., GRAND COUNTY, UTA, AS A CLASS II INJECTIONS WELL

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

Docket No. 2010-029

Cause No. UIC -358.1

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed the following documents filed in connection with Living Rivers' motion to continue the hearing presently scheduled for December 8, 2010 in the above-captioned matter.

- Motion to Continue Hearing on Notice of Agency's Action, filed by Living Rivers on November 24, 2010;
- Memorandum in Opposition to Motion to Continue Hearing and Motion for Expedited Consideration filed by Westwater Farms, LLC on November 30, 2010;
 - Division's Objections to Request for Continuance, filed on November 30, 2010.

Having reviewed the parties' filings, the Board is not persuaded that good cause to continue the December 8, 2010 hearing has been shown. Under ordinary circumstances, Requests for Agency Action are filed on the 10th of the month preceding the Board's regularly scheduled hearings. Utah Admin Code R641-101-100. Responses are due on the 10th of the following month (the month of the Board hearing). R641-101-200. Because Board hearings usually occur on the fourth Wednesday of the month,

respondents generally have approximately thirty (30) days to prepare a response to a petition, and have approximately forty-five (45) days to prepare for the hearing. In the present matter, given the Board's unusual November/December schedule (which results from the combining of the hearings for those two months into a single hearing on December 8, 2010), Living Rivers has had approximately one extra week beyond the usual approximately forty-five (45) day period to prepare for the hearing.

It should be further noted that, unlike the usual case in matters filed before this Board, Living Rivers had notice of Petitioner's application for a significant interval even before the Request for Agency Action was filed. This is true because the present matter was not originally initiated as a formal adjudication before this Board as most matters are. Rather, it was commenced informally, and it was the filing of an objection by Living Rivers back on September 3, 2010, which necessitated the matter being converted to a formal adjudication before this Board. Thus, whereas most respondents before this Board have approximately forty-five (45) days between the original filing of a request/petition and the hearing thereon, in the present case, Living Rivers will have had more than ninety (90) days between first learning of the requested relief and the date of the hearing.

The only reason for a continuance given in Living Rivers' Motion is to permit time to review prior filings, "prepare materials" and "make arrangement to attend the hearing." Living Rivers does not state why the already longer than usual timeframe they have had to prepare has not been sufficient or why it delayed hiring counsel as long as it did. They have simply asked for more time to do what is ordinarily done without sufficiently addressing why good cause exists to delay the hearing an additional seven weeks. Under the facts discussed above and set forth in the parties' filings on the

Motion, the Board does not find that good cause has been shown for any continuance of this matter.

For the above reasons,	Living Rivers	Motion to	Continue	Hearing is denied	d.
------------------------	---------------	-----------	----------	-------------------	----

ISSUED this <u>2nd</u> day of <u>December</u> , 2010.

Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining

Douglas E. Johnson, Chairman

Douglas Ephron

Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was sent by email and by first class mail to the following at the addresses indicated this 2nd day of December, 2010.

Patrick A. Shea
Attorney for Living Rivers
215 South State St. Suite 200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
and via email to
pas@patrickashea.com

Jacque M. Ramos J. Ramos Law Firm 2709 South Chadwick St. Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

Thomas W. Clawson Vancott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy Counsel for Westwater Farms, LLC 36 South Main St. #1900 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 tclawson@vancott.com

Mike Johnson Assistants Utah Attorney General Counsel for Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining MikeJohnson@Utah.gov

Julie Ann Cartar